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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DOD STUDY OF NATIONAL ECONOMIES AND THE DEFENSE
SECTORS

1. THE ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES AND POLICY EVALUATION GROUP (ECPEG) OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NATIONAL ECONOMIES, THEIR TRENDS, AND THE DEFENSE EFFORTS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY NATO. THE PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF FORCE GOALS AND THE ABILITY OF NATIONAL ECONOMIES TO ATTAIN THESE GOALS. INITIALLY THE STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE UK, FRG AND FRANCE WITH FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON ITALY, TURKEY, GREECE, NORWAY, DENMARK AND BENELUX.

2. THE STUDY TAKES A MULTIFACETED APPROACH WITH THE ECONOMIC FACTORS HAVING PRIMACY. ECONOMIC VARIABLES WILL THEN BE ANALYZED TO DETERMINE PROBABLE EFFECTS ON DEFENSE DECISIONS E.G., RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND/OR THREAT ASSESSMENT. THE DEFENSE SECTOR OF THE NATIONAL EXPENDITURES WILL BE ASSESSED TO REVEAL AN APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORT EXPENDED FOR PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES (INCLUDING R&D). TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, COMPARATIVE EVALUATIONS WILL BE MADE, AND DUE TO THE SYNERGISTIC NATURE OF THE STUDY POLITICAL FACTORS MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

3. A MAJOR DATA COLLECTION EFFORT IS NOW UNDERWAY AT THE PENTAGON. HOWEVER, THE ENTIRE STUDY CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN WASHINGTON WITH THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE REQUIRED. THREE MEMBERS OF ECPEG ARE PLANNING ON VISITING EUROPE IN EARLY OCTOBER TO REVIEW EFFORTS TO DATE WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD. ASSISTANCE FROM ECONOMIC OFFICERS, POLITICO-MILITARY OFFICERS AND DEFENSE ATTACHES IS REQUESTED AT EACH EMBASSY. DISCUSSIONS OF ANY AND ALL PHASES PERTAINING TO THE STUDY IS DESIRED AT USMISSION NATO. FROM THE US
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MISSIONS TO EC AND OECD DISCOURSE ON COMPARING NATIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS IS DESIRED. FROM MILITARY PERSONNEL INSIGHT INTO THE MILITARY FORCES OF THESE THREE NATIONS AND AREAS OF EFFICIENCIES, INEFFICIENCIES, QUALITY OF TRAINING, ETC. IS REQUESTED.

4. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO ASCERTAIN THE FEASIBILITY OR DESIRABILITY OF RELEASING THE FINAL REPORT

TO OTHER NATIONS, THEREFORE, THE STUDY WILL BE HANDLED AS SENSITIVE TO THE DEGREE NECESSARY. HOWEVER, DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERT FOREIGN NATIONALS ESPECIALLY IN LONDON, PARIS AND BONN WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE BENEFICIAL. REQUEST EMBASSIES AND MISSIONS ASSISTANCE IN COUNSELING MEMBERS OF THE TEAM AS TO DEGREE OF CANDOR ADVISABLE ALONG WITH ASSISTING IN ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL AND LOCAL NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

5. THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF MR. ANDREW V. WITTNER, GS-15; MAJOR EDWARD R. MANEY, USAF; MR. CURTIS B. BROOKS, GS-12; ALL HAVE TOP SECRET, ATOMAL AND COSMIC SECURITY CLEARANCES. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS GIVEN BELOW.

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9 OCT (LATE AFTERNOON)	US MISSION OECD
10 OCT (AM)	US MISSION OECD
10 OCT (PM)	AMEMBASSY PARIS (MR. BROOKS)
11-14 OCT	AMEMBASSY PARIS (MR. BROOKS)
10-14 OCT	AMEMBASSY BONN (MR. WITTNER)
10-14 OCT	AMEMBASSY LONDON (MAJ. MANEY)
15-16 OCT	US CINCEUR (ALL)

VARIATIONS MAY BE DESIRABLE AS DISCUSSIONS DEVELOP. ANY CHANGES WILL BE FORWARDED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

6. REQUEST THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE POINT OF CONTACT AT EACH LOCATION TO BE VISITED. INCLUDE SECDEF FOR ASD/ISA/BE AND SECSTATE FOR EUR/RPM ON REPLIES.

7. FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST THEATER CLEARANCE FOR 6-17
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OCT 74. IF AVAILABLE, REQUEST PERTINENT BRIEFINGS ON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE UK, FRG AND FRENCH FORCES IN NATO SCENARIOS THAT COULD PLACE IN PERSPECTIVE THEIR ABILITIES UNDER DIFFERENT DEGREES OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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